

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

In this chapter, the researcher presents some literatures related to the thesis. It covers linguistics, sociolinguistics, swearing, types of swearing, investigation on swearing words.

2.1 Linguistics

According to Jirka (2018), linguistics is the scientific study of human language. Linguistics is study about smallest scope of language, alphabet, words, grammar, sounds, intonation etc. It's very necessary to learn linguistics subject. Learning linguistics means learn about the contain of language such us pragmatics, sociolinguistics, semiotics etc. Someone who understands about linguistics comprehensively will have better language comprehension. By understanding about language, people will have better understanding in the use of language in daily communication. They also will have deeper understanding in writing skills and speaking skills because of it. Studying about linguistics is aimed at human proficiency to speak their language properly and correctly.

Linguistics is important because of the use of it growing continously especialy in education. It is not only used by language instructors, but also by childhood development, psichology and antropology. It is not only talking about language but also studying about historical context of language, speech, and memory development. People who learn language need to learn more about

linguistics and dig more about essence linguistics because linguistics will give people understanding ins and outs about linguistics.

English as Foreign Language (EFL) learners need to study about linguistics because of some reasons namely ; to observe the development of language and describe it accurately, to find the generalizations that had been explained, to get the conclusion about human language in general. When talking about language use in society, it means we discuss Sociolinguistics.

2.2 Sociolinguistics

Sociolinguistics is a developing branch of linguistics and sociology which examines the individual and social variation of language (Spolsky, 2010). Sociolinguistic is a branch of linguistics that especialy study about how to use the language in society. People usually say that sosiolinguistics is sociology of language. Sociolinguistics expects to study about the use of language in society and social organization of behaviour.

The base aim to study sociolinguistics is to recognize and understand about some rules how to use language in society. By understanding sociolinguistics, people can appreciate the diversity of language in society even in their interaction or communication. For example, people who authorized to develop policy is better to consider the variation of language and social sertification

As human being, we will never be able to avoid language and society. People will always use language to interact in community. So, the community cannot be separated from language because society requires tools to communicate,

namely language. Therefore, language is crucial means to be able to engage in a society. Through Language, people can express their ideas, feeling and thoughts. So, life harmony occurs because people can interact one another in their life through language. When talking about how a language is used in a particular community, it can't be separated from Sociolinguistics. Sociolinguistics talks about dialect, register, slang, code switching, etc. Swearing is also a part of Sociolinguistics.



2.3 Swearing

Rahman (2017) mentioned that swearing is an offensive term in English that aims to represent emotional expression of people when they are mad at someone or something. Nowadays, swearing words shift to not only express the personal emotion, but it also to make some jokes and express happiness. Furthermore, swearing words are generally derived from taboo words or related to the animals, obscene words, distribution, religion, sexual reproductive organs, sex, disease, etc.

Rahman (2017) elaborated that swearing is types of linguistic behavior in an English term. Swearing is used by other languages in different ways such as *jurer* in French and *svara* in Swedish. In fact, swearing is really popular. This study is likely to apply the swearing names as a term to denote with emotive speech, offensive terms and some excitement. Swearing also has some types.

2.4 Types of Swearing

There are 5 swear words which are commonly applied; dysphemistic, abusive, cathartic, emphatic, and idiomatic swearing (Rahman 2017).

a. Dysphemistic swearing

Dysphemistic swearing is uttered using the name of animals, dysphemistic tones, bad characters of animal, and metaphorically about behavior and appearance of animal. For instance, a person can swear referring to animals (bats, cats, pigs, dogs, foxes, monkey, rabbit and mule).

b. Abusive swearing

Abusing swearing is a type of swear word to humiliate and intimidate people, (e.g., fucked you, and motherfucker.)

c. Cathartic swearing

Cathartic swearing is uttering taboo and profane words to express sudden pain, frustration, instinctive and straight forward. It happens for anyone who swear with direct reaction, such as, fuck, shit etc.

d. Emphatic swearing

The goals is to assert and emphasize something. According to Pinker (2007:350), emphatic swearing is an ungrammatical profanity where expletives and vulgar idioms are coming together in sentences or conversation. Moreover, it delivers strange swearing in syntax, semantics, and synonyms. Example “this is fucking amazing)

e Idiomatic swearing

Idiomatic swearing is kinds of swearing which refers to capture someone’s attention, melting the situation, or to show to other people, friends or audiences that someone who swear is not in a formal situation. According to Rahman 2017 in (Pinker, 2010), idiomatic swearing intends to catching the attention in particular situation. Idiomatic swearing is likely

used in informal part. Some idiomatic swearing phrases and words are donkey fucker, suck my balls, sister fucker, pig fucker, testicles, fuck men, hell yeah.

2.5 Function of Swearing

According to Novita (as cited in Wajnryb 2005), swearing words have some functions. They are;

a. Insult

Insult is an offensive action or rude remark, and speaks disrespectfully to people. It means that everyone who says a rude word to other people with an offensive action is called Insult. There are some examples of rude words such as fuck, damn, ass, shit, balls. Insult occurs when people give the rude remark to other people such as “what the hell are you doing here!”

b. Invective

Invective is an action design to control. It attacks someone with words or abusing language. It is similar with abuse and insult, but it purposes to suggest the other people. Invective swearing can be used without taboo words. For example; We call them “chicken” when they can’t jump off the top of building or to label someone who took credit for another person’s idea.

c. Obscenity

Obscenity refers to swearing words that relate to bodily functions. The words obscene contains sex and shows lewd and raunchy words. Obscenity in swearing is totally bad because of moral violation. Some words related to obscenity namely, holly shit, big ass, big dick, etc.

d. Profanity

Profanity is a swear words used for irreligious and impolite terms. It morally gives no respect to the god and the religion especially in language terms. Religious words get used for swearing in English are Geez for Jesus, Gosh for God, Darn for Damn, Cripes for Christ, God damn you!

e. Swear

There are two meanings of this swear. The first meaning is common language (making promise to reveal the truth) and metalinguistic term (the use of foul language for certain purposes) For example; *I swear to tell you the truth.*

f. Taboo

The use of taboo words is very common in the publics such us, person's religion, death, birth defect, mental illness. The reference to sexuality and bodily function is also taboo (Rahmadi, 2017). The instance "*You are such as an asshole*".

g. Vulgarity

Vulgarity is impolite action and it is not a behaviour preferred by educated people. Vulgarity used the words taboo words to swear. It is characterized by rude words and specifically refers to body sex such as, "*wow, look at those tits*".

2.6 The use of swearing in a movie

Movie is moving images that had recorded a story and watched by people on screen or television. According to (Clote 2017), Movie is a work of art that contains cultural practices. Movie communicates with the audiences by effective combination of moving pictures, sounds, text and music. Movie is also called film. Both of them have the same meaning. People watch movie due to some reasons.

Some people watch movie to spend their time. Some others are watching movie for fun. Also, some people watch movie for language learning. Some EFL learners watch movies to develop their Sociolinguistics knowledge, such as slang, register and swearing.

Movie has some categories. They include comedy, action comedy, scientific, fiction, adventure, action etc. Rush Hour 3 is a movie categorized as action comedy movie. In this movie, there are two main characters that have always been highlighted. They are Inspector Lee and Carter. This research investigated their swearing applied in that movie.

2.7 Investigation on swearing

Susetyaningsih's (2014) study found types of swearing uttered by the main character in film "The wolf of the wall street". They are abusive, explicit, humorous, an auxiliary swearing. This study explains that there are three identifications of the reasons for swearing There are, psychological motives, social motives, and linguistic motives. Therefore, auxiliary swearing is the preferred swearing expression and linguistic motives are the dominant reason which underlines the swearing expressions uttered by the main character, relating to the social contexts in the movie.

Esterika (2016) enquired white and black characters in "12 years a slave movie". There are 3 types of swearing words namely, epithet, profanity, and obscenity. The use of swearing words in that movie is to discredit, to create interpersonal identification, to create attention, to provoke, and to provide catharsis. From the study, profanity is the most dominant one used by the main character in a

movie, especially white people. Moreover, the white and black people have different purpose which are to discredit, to provide catharsis, to provoke, to attract attention and to create interpersonal identification.

Novita (2015) mentioned three types of swearing which were used in Bayu Skak YouTube video entitled "*Mesoh*". Those three swearing words were abusive swearing, emphatic swearing, and cathartic swearing. Furthermore, the "*Mesoh*" video which was created by Bayu Skak has positive and negative effects to the viewers. The positive effect is the viewers felt better after watching it. The negative effect was the viewers follow the way Bayu skak swears the words after watching that video. Thereafter, abusive swearing is the most dominant type of swearing that used in "Mesoh" video.

From above related researches, researchers have investigated the research about swearing words. To fill the gap, this research was conducted to investigate the swearing words used in action comedy movie "Rush hour 3" To the best of my knowledge, the investigation of swearing in action comedy movie has never been conducted before. The researcher would like to identify whether or not there is differences between Swearing used in previous movies with action comedy movie. The research would focus on two main characters "Crish Tucker and Jackie Chan". The swearing in the movie applied smart joking including swearing which might have never been conducted before.